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Rabbi David Saperstein Commission on Social Action of Reform Judaism 2027 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20036

Dear Rabbi Saperstein:

Admiral Turner has asked me to thank you for your letter of May 5th, and for your invitation for him to address the seminar on "U.S. Perceptions of the Soviet Threat." Unfortunately, the Admiral has so many events already scheduled far into the foreseeable future that it is impossible to take on any additional

He appreciates your thinking of him, however.

Sincerely,

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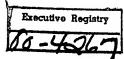
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May 5, 1980

Adm. Stansfield Turner Director Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Adm. Turner:

With the deterioration of U.S.-Soviet relations following the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan and the withdrawal and near demise of the SALT II Treaty, an assessment of U.S./U.S.S.R. policy and the U.S. perceptions of the Soviet Union which undergird that policy seems necessary at this time. Many analysts disagree in their perceptions of the Soviet threat, and many Americans fear the Soviet Union. This fear is sometimes based on fact, sometimes on fiction, sometimes on appearances and sometimes on reality. Because this perception strongly affects both formulation and implementation of our policy towards the Soviet Union, we hope through a seminar to gain some insight into it.

In order to assist religious leaders in this assesment, the Foreign Policy and Military Spending Task Force of the Washington Interreligious Staff Council (WISC) is preparing a seminar on "U.S. Perceptions of the Soviet Threat". WISC is a cooperative organization of over 40 religious groups which maintain Washington government liason offices. We are inviting 150 religious leaders to participate in this seminar to be held in Washington on May 29-30, 1980.

Because of your experience in this area, it is our privilege to invite you to address the seminar concerning the Central Intelligence Agency's perceptions of the Soviet Union on Friday, May 30 at 9:45 a.m. for about 45 minutes. The seminar is by nature exploratory and educational, and we hope to establish a thorough and free exchange of divergent points of view on the issue.

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We hope you will be able to join us, and thank you in advance for your consideration of our request. I look forward to a timely response, so we may move forward in the seminar's planning and organization. If you have further questions, please don't hesitate to call me at 387-2800. Again, for the planning committee, thank you.

Sincerely,

Rabbi David Saperstein

For the Planning Committee

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